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ITALY.

Reports from Naples—Another case of plague in Alexandria.

NAPLES, ITALY, *November 9, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that for the week ended November 8, bills of health were issued to the following ships:

November 3, to the steamship *Werra*, of the North German Lloyd Steamship Company, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 31 cabin and 715 steerage passengers, and 270 pieces of large and 804 pieces of small baggage. On this steamer were also shipped the effects of a person who had been put ashore here several weeks ago suffering with hemorrhagic smallpox, and who died soon afterwards. The effects were thoroughly disinfected.

November 6, to the steamship *Massilia*, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 5 cabin and 562 steerage passengers, and 170 pieces of large and 572 pieces of small baggage.

November 6, to the steamship *Ashlands*, bound in water ballast for Port Eads, La.

November 8, to the steamship *Trojan Prince*, of the Prince Line, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 1 cabin passenger and 585 steerage passengers, and 170 pieces of large and 678 pieces of small baggage. There was 1 case of measles refused passage by the steamship company on my advice.

The plague.—The quarantine against Alexandria which had been suspended for a few days was again put in force here on November 6, owing to the fact that a new case of plague has made its appearance in Alexandria.

Respectfully,

VICTOR G. HEISER,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

NAPLES, ITALY, *November 15, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that for the week ended November 15, bills of health were issued to the following ships:

November 10, to the steamship *Ems*, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 31 cabin and 682 steerage passengers, and 237 pieces of large and 726 pieces of small baggage.

November 11, the steamship *Bolivia* of the Anchor Line. There were inspected and passed 398 steerage passengers, and 83 pieces of large and 300 pieces of small baggage.

November 11, the steamship *Archimede*, of the Italian General Navigation Company bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 7 cabin and 745 steerage passengers, and 235 pieces of large and 825 pieces of small baggage.

November 14, the steamship *Patria*, of the Fabre Line, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 527 steerage passengers, and 119 pieces of large and 756 pieces of small baggage.

November 14, to the steamship *Citta di Palermo*, bound with a cargo of fruit for New Orleans.

The plague.—I have the honor to inform you that since November 6 the Italian quarantine against Egypt has been reduced from ten days to seven.

This morning we are in receipt of a telegram from the United States consul at Algiers, Algeria, stating that there is absolutely no truth in the report that plague existed at that place.

Respectfully, VICTOR G. HEISER,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

MEXICO.

Report from Vera Cruz.

VERA CRUZ, MEXICO, *November 17, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report for the week ended November 16:

Cases of yellow fever, 3; smallpox, 1; deaths from yellow fever, 2; from smallpox, 2; from all causes, 36.

During the past two weeks I have inspected 11 vessels, and have issued certificates to 111 passengers to Cuban and United States ports.

The health of the shipping is excellent, and the city's mortality has assumed its normal figure.

The smallpox cases are kept well in hand; isolation, disinfection, and vaccination are rigidly enforced by the health authorities.

Respectfully, SAML. H. HODGSON,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

PARAGUAY.

Mortality in Asuncion.

[Translated in this Bureau from La Prensa, Asuncion, Paraguay, October 8, 1899.]

Comparative table of mortality in the three parishes of the capital, Cathedral, Encarnacion, and San Roque, during the years 1896, 1897, 1898, and to September 30, 1899.

Month.	Year—			
	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.
January	55	61	87	61
February	70	56	63	60
March	68	75	66	62
April	74	96	76	43
May	62	113	73	66
June	61	92	61	70
July	65	76	68	63
August	60	57	50	116
September	59	65	59	122
October	51	84	60	.....
November	57	87	62	.....
December	57	89	66	.....